

HOUSE RESOLUTION 164
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Wayne Turner and the 1997 Tyner High School football team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 2-A state champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud of our athletic teams who work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, and overcome setbacks, en route to success, thus setting a fine example for all other high school teams and athletes; and

WHEREAS, the great 1997 Tyner High School football team captured the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 2-A football championship; and

WHEREAS, the Tyner path to ultimate glory started with a notable 9-1 regular season record, including impressive victories over Boyd-Buchanan 95-3, Sequatchie County 19-0, Brainerd 9-0, Meigs County 48-19, Chattanooga High 73-6, Polk County 68-0, Bledsoe County 62-8, Marion County 34-0 and Whitwell 67-7; and

WHEREAS in the opening rounds of the state playoffs, the powerful Rams rammed through Upperman 40-0, Sequatchie County 42-15, David Lipscomb 19-14, and Harriman 60-0; and

WHEREAS, in a hard-fought Clinic Bowl state championship game, held December 6, 1997 at Dudley Field on the campus of Vanderbilt University, Tyner defeated previously unbeaten and highly regarded Union City 13-10; and

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WHEREAS, Tyner scored their two touchdowns on a rush by Nick Toney for 12 yards and a 29-yard pass from Rory Hinton to Windarek Stewart; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team finished their memorable season with an enviable 14-1 record, a winning percentage of .930; and

WHEREAS, the potent Tyner offense scored 670 points, an average of 45 per game and their stingy defense allowed a mere 127 points, just 8 per game; and

WHEREAS, respected Head Coach Wayne Turner, who also serves admirably as Athletic Director, and his capable Assistant Coaches, Bill Crews, Robin O'Brien, Jim Parker, Larry Dillard, Chip Goins, and Efrin Stewart, have done an exemplary job; and

WHEREAS, the team was lead by the Tennessee Secondary Athletic Association Division 1, Class 2-A, Mr. Football Lineman of the Year senior Kelvin Hughley and Clinic Bowl Offensive Most Valuable Player Rory Hinton, senior quarterback; and

WHEREAS, the additional members of this exceptionally talented team were: seniors, Anthony Jones, Rashuan Strickland, Darmecus Rawls, Windarek Stewart, Nick Toney, Willie Hodges, Brian Gilliam, Floyd Zacharie, Adrian Patten, Cortez Stokes, and Napoleon Clark; juniors, Chad Anderson, Aaron Ellison, Warren Sims, Jason Ball, Brian Locke, and Clifford Billups; sophomores, Jermaine Harris, Marcus Douglas, Kelvin Russell, Tarus Hinton, Desmond Richards, Douglas Parrish, Tori Plummer, Jeffrey Ramsey, Thomas Dingler, and Ronald Blache; and freshmen, Prince McKinney, Maurice McDowell, James Cooper, Marcus Gilliam, Corey Stovall, Tony Bird, Ronald Sharp, and Brian Jordan; and

WHEREAS, their excellent Principal Steve Ball and the Assistant principals, Fred Smith and Judy Stewart, have been very supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were Jennifer Jones and Kevin Miller; and

WHEREAS, rare teams such as Tyner are deserving of the highest possible accolades and the special recognition of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and

congratulate Coach Wayne Turner and the 1997 Tyner High School football team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Division 1, Class 2-A state championship and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.